(b) Income tax paid by such assesses for the A.Y. 2002-2003 is Rs. 5.96 crore and or A.Y. 2003-2004 is Rs. 7.95 crore.

(c) and (d) Medical practitioners/Nursing homes whose total income exceeds the maximum amount not chargeable to income tax, have to file their income tax return. In cases where it comes to the notice of the Income tax department that such persons have not filed their returns of income, necessary action under the law is taken.

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51. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a formal request has been made to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to consider providing assistance to the Tsunami affected States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including broad requirements indicated for re-building the infrastructure, for rehabilitation of livelihoods of those affected and assistance for developing disaster prevention and management systems for the future;

(c) whether the two multi-lateral financing agencies have assessed the needs and developed a programme of support for reconstruction and recovery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Joint Assessment Mission of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the united Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had visited the affected states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry during Feb. 1-15, 2005 to define the quantum of assistance required for post Tsunami reconstruction activities from the World Bank, the ADB and the UNDP.